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Shipmates,

In January I discussed my desire for the Auxiliary to be where you, and future members, choose to contribute your valuable time and energy. I have established four key principles for myself and the Division staff as we work to make the Flotillas and the Division the volunteer opportunity of choice. These are the principles that, along with the Core Values, will guide us in 2010.

Support the Members by supporting the Five Flotillas and the Flotilla leadership: Our missions are executed by our members as individuals, small teams of members and as Flotillas. The role of the Auxiliary organization, Division and above, is two-fold. First, the organization exists to provide the framework that enables the members of Flotillas to successfully and safely execute the mission. Second, the Division, District and National organizations work to direct the membership towards the missions identified by the Coast Guard. The Division leadership and staff serves the Flotillas. As the Division staff and leadership serve the members working through the Flotillas via the Flotilla Commanders and parallel Flotilla staff should be a key objective. There are circumstances where the Division role in a mission or activity goes beyond simple coordination and the Division staff, Division Board or Vice Commander and I will need to assume management and leadership of that mission or activity. This may be due to operational necessity, the scale or complexity of the mission, a mismatch between the skills and assets of the Flotilla and the task, a very short timeline, a directive from District or National, or due to a directive from our Active Duty operational commanders. In this event we must be cognizant that there is a tradeoff when the Division takes the lead. While the Division's role may enhance execution of the mission or activity we have missed an opportunity for the Flotilla leadership, staff and members to take ownership of the mission or activity, develop capability in the mission or activity, and develop as a cohesive unit. Ultimately the Division will succeed when each of our five Flotillas has the capability, confidence, member strength and collective desire to execute the wide variety of Auxiliary missions we face.

Connect recruiting to mission execution with a focus on the member experience: We focus on recruiting and on the output of our members in mission execution. Between these two points we do a mixed job of preparing new members to execute missions. There must be a clear path for new members, and existing members wishing to explore additional opportunities, to move into new mission areas and achieve the qualifications necessary to participate fully.

The Division leadership intends to encourage and facilitate a systematic approach to qualifying new members in a variety of different areas using an academy model. The academy model benefits all participating members, trainees, instructor cadre, and mentors. It is my hope the academies will continue to be sponsored and managed by the Flotillas with overall coordination of timing by the Board and Division staff. Continued on Pg 2



A Note from our Division Vice Commander

We're told volunteerism is huge right now. The basic motivation for volunteering is and has always been, "What's in it for me?" Let's train our new members and get them motivated and involved immediately so we can show them what's in it for them.



The basic definition of volunteering is, people responding to a need in a way that they are not concerned about monetary profit.

As we are doing Public Affairs events and interacting with people anytime, use that event or time to build relationships with people that might become active members.

Networking is a successful way to find people and get them interested in joining us.

The networking credo is: It's not who you know. It's who they know.

We don't promote the Coast Guard Auxiliary enough. In the past it seems we have been "the best kept secret." This year let's change that philosophy and build Division 7 even larger.

Respectfully,

Carol Bobo, VCDR-7

(Continued from page 1) Commander's Corner

We need to examine all our processes to identify issues that prevent our members from participating and then do our best to remove those blocks that we can. Promote personal and organizational readiness: Be Semper Paratus as individuals, teams, crews, Flotillas, and as a Division.

The Division leadership will discuss, promote and exemplify personal readiness. We will encourage and support Flotilla readiness programs and projects. We will seek the necessary resources and facilitate the training required for members to be ready.

The Division will build a contingency planning work group to determine the need for training, exercises and additional capabilities and equipment. We will emphasize the impact readiness has on safety and safety has on readiness. We can only be ready if we operate safely and only operate safely if we are ready.

Communicate to build tolerance for change: Over the last few years we've seen a number of changes in our mission set, policy and organization. I expect this pace of change to increase, perhaps dramatically, as the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary continue to modernize.

The Division leadership will communicate to our membership that the Auxiliary is in a time of growth and change.

We will assure the context for policy changes is provided and help members see meet the challenge -- providing the what, why and how of the change.

Some changes may be difficult, it is important to remember our role as a component of the Coast Guard and our commitment to the Core Values as we adapt and build a stronger Auxiliary.

Finally, as always, let the core values be our guide.

Honor: Integrity is our standard. We demonstrate uncompromising ethical conduct and moral behavior in all of our personal actions. We are loyal and accountable to the public trust.

Respect: We value our diverse work force. We treat each other with fairness, dignity, and compassion. We encourage individual opportunity and growth. We encourage creativity through empowerment. We work as a team.

Devotion to Duty: We are professionals, military and civilian, who seek responsibility, accept accountability, and are committed to the successful achievement of our organizational goals. We exist to serve. We serve with pride.

Thank you for your service. As always be safe in all your Coast Guard and life activities and look to the safety of your shipmates.

Daren Lewis, Div 7 Commander

DIVISION 7 AWARDS - 2009

Vice Captain Plaque Member Training — To honor the Flotilla that has been most active in training their members. — **Flotilla 73**

William Roper Public Education — To honor the Flotilla in the Division that has done the most to foster, and has been the most active in the Public Education cornerstone of the Auxiliary. — **Flotilla 7-12**

Bartlett Trophy Operations — To honor the flotilla that has done the most to further the Surface Operations program in Division 7. — **Flotilla 73**

Marine Dealer Visitor — To honor the Flotilla with the most collective Program Visits. — **Flotilla 73**

Bill Smith Growth & Retention — To honor the flotilla that has had the best **NET GAIN** of Membership. — **Flotilla 76**

Vern Whipps Public Affairs — To be awarded to the Flotilla with the best Public Affairs record. — **Flotilla 73**

Aids to Navigation — To honor the Flotillas that have contributed the most to the Aids to Navigation Program. **Flotilla 73 & Flotilla 78**

George Risley Vessel Examination

To honor the Flotilla that has been most active in the Vessel Examination cornerstone. — **Flotilla 73**

I would like to thank all who contributed to this month's edition of The Daymark 7. Without your contributions, this would be a monumental task.

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Gil Gatlin Award

To honor a member for outstanding service in Recruiting and Mentoring new members in your flotilla.

– Gay & George Sipes In Flotilla 78

Al Hadden Challenge (Heart Shaped)

The member who has accomplished the most in all the cornerstones of MT, OP, PE, VE – Ken Babick

Bill Bragg Captain's Plaque—

This award is to honor someone, who is not in an elected position who has done more than the “call of duty” in helping the Commander carry out the responsibilities of the job. – Kenneth Anderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pre-Crew Academy

February 6 0800 at the Portland Water Pollution Lab,
6543 N Burlington Ave, Portland

- VHF Radio procedures
- Charting
- Line handling
- First Aid

Sign up by contacting Jon Polimeni at

jonpolimeni@aol.com



From Your District Materials
Dept.

If you still need sew-on insignia for your ODU, I have them in stock. I also have a broad selection of other insignia items. Anyone who is interested in purchasing the Lt. Blue “tropical” shirt, please contact me [click here](#) I have received a shipment of “factory seconds” with a small blemish. These will be sold at a large markdown. Come see the District 13 Store Feb 12-14 at Monarch Inn, Clackamas

Matt Epstein, DSO-MA



FLOTILLA COMMANDERS REPORTS

FLOTILLA 71 LONGVIEW— All: Not much to report this month. We are busy trying to complete all the tasks required of the Flotilla for 2010.



Respectfully,

Doug Doane FC-71



PACIFIC— December brought the year to a successful close for the entire flotilla. Carol Bobo did a stellar job of putting together and coordinating the change of watch which was attended by over 40 individuals. The Flotilla was honored with many awards in credit to the hard work of our many members and the strong leadership of Don Verkest and his staff officers. Special thanks and congratulations go out to Ken Babick who was recognized as Flotilla Auxiliarist of the Year.

Moving into January, the Flotilla has been hard at work preparing for the new year. Gayland Rogers has put together an exciting new program for Program Visitors. Several of our members assisted with the boat show. Lynn Easton, was honored as Auxiliarist of the Week for District 13.

The Dalles Detachment has also been busy. Recently they worked with local law enforcement and search & rescue teams in a joint ice training event. They continue to work in the area of communications and are building a mobile communications facility of their own.

As February draws near, the Flotilla will continue to gear up for boating season. That means preparation for the annual Crew and Coxswain Academy, preparing for vessel examinations and on-the-water operations (make way patrols and Opening Day).

The Dalles Detachment is busy planning for an open house recruiting event. Special recognition goes out to Tony DeLucca and Jim Gordon for their hard work in preparing for the event.

Congratulations also to the Detachment's newest members David Satterwhite and Naomi Imler. Welcome aboard!

Finally, I'm very happy to report that Kurt Torgerson, who has been absent for some time due to a motorcycle accident, is doing better and plans to rejoin us at the next Flotilla meeting.

In summary, Flotilla 73 remains strong, active and committed to supporting the needs of the Coast Guard and boating public.

Very Respectfully,

Brian Rollins, FC-73



SWAN ISLAND — I am both gratified and very excited about taking the leadership of such an active flotilla. I want to thank Daren Lewis for all of his hard work and allowing the members of Flotilla 76 the opportunity to take over as Flotilla Commander. For January 2010 we already have two new members, another member is working toward getting his Ops clearance to help at Sector and we have just finished a well-attended boat show. In addition to everything going on, one of our members has also left for Haiti to help with the disaster there.

Tim Young (VFC) and I are in the process of putting together a program whereby the Flotilla Staff Officers will utilize the team concept for many of the staff offices.

Ron Marconi, FC 76

FLOTILLA 78 VANCOUVER— This has been a busy month for us. The boat show was held and Flotilla 78 performed many duties and man hours in support of this event. It was a great show and we were well received by the public. We promoted our boating safety classes and had many sign-ups.

Our meeting was held on the 21st of January. We are looking for a meeting place in Vancouver and will hold our next meeting at the fish and wild life building next month to see if it will be a better location.

On Saturday January 23 we are holding an ABS class at Wholesale Sports. This will be an ongoing program to be given the fourth Saturday of each month through October.

On Saturday January 30 we will hold a Program Visitor workshop to increase our Program Visitor support. We had six members sign up for this.

We also announced plans to hold a VE workshop after the PV one is done.

Our COMMs officer is putting together the necessary information to start a TCO (comms) workshop with the plans to qualify members in this important Auxiliary program.

We are in the process of recruiting 5 new members, four of which are amateur radio license holders.

George Sipes mobile communication vehicle has been approved by DIRAUX and can now function as an emergency unit.

We are looking forward to a great year.

George Sipes, FC 78

FLOTILLA 7-12 HILLSBORO— The Division Change of Watch was a most rewarding event. I want to congratulate all the members of Division 7; those who received awards at the COW, [as well as] the many accomplishments during 2009 and the awards received on an individual, flotilla, and division level.

I also want to take a moment to thank all of our members who contributed to our flotilla receiving the Division 7 Public Education award. Our PE program is off to another great start. Our Weekend Navigator class started January 19th, and our BS&S class began January 18th.

Several of our members volunteered at the Portland Boat Show this year. From an auxiliary and public safety awareness perspective, it appears to me to have been a success. These were the largest crowds I have seen with a genuine interest in boating classes (larger even than when the Oregon Boater Card program started). I also met more people than ever before who were interested in joining the Auxiliary.

We have a two new members who received their IQ status in January, one reinstate that was effective December 28th, and Mark Murphy just mailed in papers on another new member to DIRAUX this week. Exciting times for our flotilla!

We had our first meeting of the year, and had a good turnout. Our 2010 COW is set for the first Saturday in December and our annual picnics will be held on the second Saturday in July and the second Wednesday in August; all will start at 1800 and visitors are welcome.

Gary Davis, FC 7-12

Changes have been made to the public affairs activity codes

Changes have been made to the public affairs activity codes that count toward earning the Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) insignia. The RBS insignia recognizes extraordinary effort of Auxiliarists who consistently provide strong support to RBS programs. Its eligibility criteria require significant RBS program activity over a minimum period of two years.

2. These activity code changes more accurately reflect public affairs program activities that meet the spirit of service recognized by the RBS insignia. They are now included on the Auxiliary Mission Activity Report (**ANSC-7030**) form available on the Auxiliary web site, they have been included in AUXDATA, and they must be claimed in order to count towards earning the RBS device from now on. They are incorporated into the summary of RBS insignia requirements that follow:

a. Compilation of 120 points per year for two consecutive years (for a total of 240 points) is required. Hours for prescribed mission codes are reported on the Mission Activity Report (**ANSC-7030**) form. Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) and vessel facility inspections are reported on the Vessel

Examinations Activity Report (**ANSC-7038**). RBS Program Visits are reported on the RBS Visitation Report (**ANSC-7046**).

b. Public Education: Hours recorded using any mission code 14. 1 point-per-hour as lead instructor and 0.5 points-per-hour as an assistant/aide.

c. Public Affairs: Activities promoting RBS in the following areas. 1 point-per-hour limited to actual mission hours:

(1) Speech/Talks, mission code **10B**.

(2) Broadcast Media, mission code **10C**.

(3) External Print Media, mission code **10F**.

(4) COMREL, Mission code **10J**.

d. Vessel Safety Checks and Vessel Facility Inspections: Based on the number of VSCs and/or vessel facility inspections. 1 point-per-check or inspection.

e. RBS Program Visitation: Based on the number of RBS Program Visits. 1 point-per-visit.

[from the Chief Director of Auxiliary]

DIVISION STAFF REPORTS



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COMMUNICATION SERVICES— Execution:

To date, activity has focused on the Division sites. I have launched a blog for the Division on a new domain, *Division7.org*, to enhance member communications. This site is hosted at no cost using the Coast Guard mandated Blogger service from Google. This new site is intended to supplement our Division and Flotilla newsletters, Flotilla websites, and email communications with the membership. Recognizing that some of our membership do not use the online resources, we will assure critical communication continues to be passed in print.

We successfully used the Division online calendar to manage the Boat Show shift scheduling. We will continue this activity for the Sportsmen's show. There is also a Southern Area online calendar which will help our members understand and take advantage of opportunities outside the Division.

Expected execution:

The **volunteerlifesavers.org** domain, so ably managed by Brian Rollins over the last years, will be retired in 12 months. We are now "volunteer guardians" and the decision has been made to transition off of this domain. Within a short time (perhaps a month) the *volunteerlifesavers* domain will be set to forward to *Division7.org*.

Execution opportunities and planning: To be determined in consultation with the CS officers in the Flotillas.

Program development execution: None beyond those activities described.

Program development planning: I plan to conduct ongoing CS training this year to introduce our members to social media tools both as consumers and producers of content. This training will generally appear online at **Division7.org** but may also be supplemented by in person training. I will also promote the CS related C-Schools to our members.

Daren Lewis, SO-CS



I would like to start by saying thank you for the opportunity to lead the Division Communications [program] this year. The focus will be on proper use of the radio and procedures, using Auxiliary Communications Units (ACU's) for events, more radio exercises, and holding a Telecommunication Operators Course toward the end of the year.

I have appointed Jim Price as the Emergency Command Post- Officer in Charge [ECP-OIC]. He has been tasked with the operation and care of the ECP. If you would like to participate in the ECP team or would like to find more information about the ECP, please contact Jim Price.

Another appointment I have made to my communications team is David Schwartz. David is my technical adviser and has been tasked to oversee the technical aspect of communications. He will answer technical questions the members in the communications field may have. He

has been asked to assemble a team of members to help in the technical field and inspections of radio facilities. If you are interested in assisting in this field, please contact David Schwartz.

I would like to say thanks to both of you for stepping up to the Mic and helping me with these two very important tasks.

Things to highlight for the month of January.

- Flotilla 76 has one radio inspection that has been completed and is waiting for DIRAUX approval.
- FSO-CM-76 Paul Ploeger with the counsel of Auxiliary Sector Coordinator (ASC) Todd Mains have accepted the task of building a Division 7 Communications Book. This book will have all radio related information so that all ACU's and OPFAC's can operate on a higher level in communications. The book will have some of the following; Quick Reference Cards, good ACU sights, list of pro-words, a Div. 7 script, and a list of other information. More to come as Paul and Todd get closer to completion. Thank you to Paul and Todd.
- The new Telecommunications Operator (TCO) manual requires an emergency contact list to accompany all ACUs. This list needs the name and numbers of Coast Guard Command, Local first responders, and harbor masters. This is completed and is open for any member that would like a copy. Please email your FSO for a copy.

Things to look forward to this next month.

- David Schwartz adding radio inspector to his team.
- A final copy of the Division 7 Communications Book.
- I will be visiting Flotilla 73 in February.

Jonathan James, SO-CM



MEMBER TRAINING— The division training calendar is complete with a few new twists this year that may have caught a few people off guard. Due to flotilla 73 delaying their boat crew academy and the fact that there is no reoccurring 8-hr TCT needs this year, I have moved the first TCT back to April to help support any members in 73's academy since this is an important training program for the division. I know this created a few problems for other members, which I have tried to limit the impact on those members. Also, please take note that the OPS workshop and TCT refresher workshop (Required for OPS personnel) has been moved to February 20 and will be in the Naval Reserve Building. This is **NOT** on our normal 2nd weekend for member training, because of the District meeting.

All members who are currently qualified or are seeking qualification as coxswains, Pilots, Trident and other areas and still have not taken ICS-210/300 you will go REYR on April 1, 2010. There are classes posted on the Division blog (division7.org) and to your FC/VFC/FSO-MT. Classes include ICS-210 at Sector Portland and a few other ICS-300/400 classes. Registration is required and space is limited so please contact me early.

A few goals that Division and I have this year are helping different programs both operationally and internally. I would like to see many more AUXOP courses this year and mini academy courses for those interested in becoming IT, PV, VE, and Telecommunications, along with the crew academies. Division would like to see flotillas host these courses and if they need, seek the help of the Division. Currently Flotilla 7-12 is in the process of creating an IT academy and planning to host an AUXOP course this year. Flotilla 76 has passed around the idea of hosting a VE class and other courses. Another goal this year, is the seeking of other training topics relating to our missions in the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard that is interesting and may improve our skills. A few examples include the Aquatic Invasive Species, advanced/ hands-on CG courses and other joint government courses when related (FBI, DOD, EPA, Sheriff, Fire & Rescue, Department of Fish and Wildlife etc.).

February's Division Member Training is going to be OPS/TCT refresher on February 20. Location is the Naval Reserve Building second floor. In addition, District will be having member training during their meeting on February 13. There is the Invasive Species Inspection class on February 27. If interested contact me for more information about registration and any other member training concerns.

Jonathan Polimeni, SO-MT



NAVIGATION SYSTEMS— Reminder: I will schedule an AV class sometime in February or March. Please call me at 503 692-4945 if you are interested.

Joe Baney, SO-NS

Operations — January has been a slow month with mostly requested patrols from Station for training support and a barge launch that just got slipped into early February. Periodic familiarization, or “Fam” patrols are being done to introduce new Sector personnel to our local AOR waters.

Operations Workshop and TCT Refresher will be presented during the Division Member Training on Saturday, 20FEB at the Navy/Marine Reserve Training Center just south of Sector Portland. We will likely use one of the large classrooms located upstairs on the south end of the building. Starting time is 0830 and uniform is ODU.

The Ops workshop is not mandatory for 2010, but the TCT Refresher is mandatory this year, so please attend both. We will also be covering some changes in requesting patrols as well as a quick review of the 5132 and 7030 form completion. The entire training should last about 3 hours.

Our fuel budget has been reduced this year and it will be a challenge to stretch it enough to cover our required patrols and missions plus those that we want to do. You will be asked for more information concerning requested patrols to ensure we are using our fuel efficiently and effectively. Please give this consideration in advance of requesting patrol orders. We still do not have permission to fuel at Station. Rose Festival may be an exception, but we don't know that yet.

This is the time of year when most annual facility inspections are coming due. You and your FSO-OP should be receiving email notification that your facility is due. Please don't miss the end date as AUXDATA will immediately remove your vessel from its facility records and you will no longer be able to receive orders for it until it has been re-inspected and re-entered in AUXDATA.

Don Verkest, SO-OP

Education January PE News



Our mission---Saving lives through education.

Like many others, I was able to work a couple of shifts in the booth at The 2010 Boat Department Show.

Wearing the type 5 life jackets was a great way to start a conversation with the public on their importance. What is your life worth? Our "wear it" approach got the attention of those boaters that leave it on the seat; how easy it is to wear and forget you have it on. Try this in your public education classes.

Several contacts were made for PE classes, and were turned over to the nearest flotilla. Several different classes will be starting this week, please let me know their status. PE is a recruiting tool, deliver the auxiliary message and make it part of your lesson plan, invite students to meetings, talk up missions, and share the benefits of being in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The flotillas that have not yet filed your "Intent to Teach" (a7023s) forms please get them done as soon as possible. [You can fill it out directly on the web at <http://a130.uscgaux.info/dso-pe/>]

Learn something new everyday and the day won't be lost.

Brad Schuldt , SO-PE



Personnel Services— Year end 2009 numbers are very encouraging. A total of at least 26 new members joined flotillas in Division 7.

I know of one new member in Flotilla 71, but no definitive report.

Flotilla 73 gained five. No report from the Detachment.

Six people joined Flotilla 76. No report from the Detachment.

Flotilla 78 added 10 new members and the Sipes' transferred back in.

Two members joined Flotilla 7-12, but no definitive report.

There were around 600 personal-conversation contacts made during the Portland Boat Show, though only 210 were actually "logged". I received 17 names of individuals signed up for various classes, nine for Vessel Safety Checks, and seven folks want information about joining the Auxiliary (three in DIV 6). Introductory letters are being sent to these potential members, with a copy to the

appropriate flotillas.

There have been no referrals from the National AUX web in four weeks. This could be due to the holiday season or the change of watch for DSO. I will be visiting each Flotilla at their regular meeting to meet with each FSO-PS.

In 2010, let us carry on the vision of IPCDR Doug Balkema by continuing a steady growth but focusing our efforts on re-activation and member retention through fellowship, training, mentoring and keeping it "fun".

Gay Sipes, SO-PS



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Public Affairs



The public affairs event for this month was the 50th Annual Portland Boat Show. Over 600 people were contacted during the 5-day event. This year we conducted 10 minute mini classes on knot tying, life jackets, etc. On February 10th we will again be asked to promote water and boating safety at The Sportsmen's Show. This will be a 5 day event again from the 10th through the 14th of February. I would like to try operating a parking shuttle from The Delta Park/West Marine parking lot during the Sportsmen's Show. This would eliminate the parking pass [exchange] problem. I want to thank the 24 members who gave 274 hours of their time to promote boating safety. Respectfully submitted ,

John Hilbrands, SO-PA



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Program Visitor – During January 2010, all FSO-PV's have been contacted and have either received, or will be receiving, an initial supply of boating literature. We recently obtained 1500 copies of the 2009-2010 Oregon Boaters Handbook and limited quantities of the Federal Requirements &

Safety Tips all of which will flow down to all flotillas for distribution to Program Partners via each FSO-PV.

Specific targets and objectives for our Division, Flotillas, and each PV are currently being established, including, but not limited to, increasing the number of qualified (and enthusiastic) new Program Visitors. Our focus will be on quality and consistency for making program partner visits while having some fun and meeting the objectives of the RBSVP.

Gayland V. Rogers, SO-PV

Vessel Examinations – Div 7 DVE Report The final number of Vessel Safety exams for 2009 where 1805. Real good job we should be able to get over 2000 this year easy. Still waiting for the 2010 decals.

Dick Andreason, SO-VE

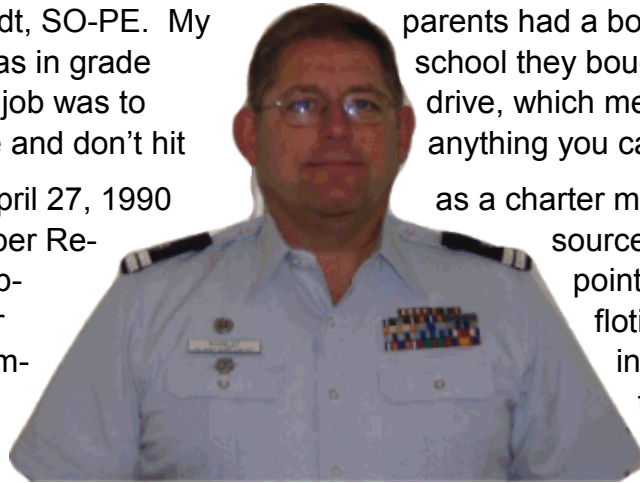


Member Spotlight

I am Brad Schuldt, SO-PE. My parents had a boat before I was born. When I was in grade school they bought a commercial fishing boat, my job was to compass course and don't hit

parents had a boat before I was school they bought a commercial drive, which meant "Follow this anything you can't pay for."

I joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary April 27, 1990 11. I was appointed the flotilla Member Re-MR). In December of 1990 I was appointed Vice Commander of our qualified as crew and as vessel examiner along with starting the path attained in November of 1996. No- was elected Flotilla Commander, best year as a flotilla. We achieved all four AMOS (Auxiliary Mission Objective System) goals set by District.



as a charter member of Flotilla 7-source Officer (FSO)-pointed SO-MR and flotilla. In 1990 I also iner and as an in- to AUXOP which I vember 1992 I 1993 was our


I qualified as a vessel operator and did safety patrols and harbor security patrols during Dessert Storm. I got hoisted in the basket into a helicopter during the first Boaters Awareness Day demonstrations (I learned I'd rather be on the water). I was very involved in all the Auxiliary programs. When our flotilla dissolved in 1997 I left the Auxiliary to become a Cub Scout leader and then a Boy Scout leader and help my wife Jeanie with her Girl Scout Troop. I lead both the girl scout troop and boy scout troop down the Willamette River on canoe trips over 50 miles at different times.

Jeanie and I will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary in June. We have two children, Christopher, 22, an Eagle Scout who just graduated from Linfield College in May; he has a real job in his field with benefits. Kimberly, age 20, earned the Gold Award in Girl Scouts and is a junior at the University of Portland. I do wood-working as a hobby, building furniture and baby cradles that look like row boats. I also build radio controlled ships: 12' battleship Bismarck and a 6' SS Minnow for fun. That's who I am, I have a full life.




My goal is to visit each flotilla and boating safety class to promote the Public Education program. I want to increase the number of qualified instructors in each flotilla by working with Member Training. A good way to retain and reinforce our skills is to apply them by teaching others. The E-Learning online test for Instructor is one of the first steps in achieving this qualification. There will be an Instructors Workshop in May, a refresher for some and good information for all. I am looking forward to working with FSO's to get this program moving.

To close I quote the Drover in the movie Australia, ***"At the end of life all that is left is the story, I'm just trying to live a good one."***



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 District 13 **DIVISION 7** division7.org




Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Effective staff reports

Shipmates,

We will be conducting our first Division staff meeting this evening. One of the key responsibilities of each staff member is to provide a report. These reports are often seen as an opportunity to describe the activities of the officer and the activities in their program area. An effective staff officer does far more than simply execute - they also plan, build capacity in the program area, address needs or gaps, and seek opportunities to grow their programs. The reports provided to the members, leadership, and staff up and down the chain of leadership and management should reflect the full range of these activities.



We are requesting that all Division staff reports address the following points:

1. **Execution:** What has been accomplished in my area of staff responsibility including my own efforts, those of my reporting staff and those of the membership?
2. **Expected execution:** What accomplishments/missions are expected in the near term?
3. **Execution opportunities and planning:** What accomplishments/missions are in the planning stages? What is on the horizon? What are our opportunities?
4. **Program development execution:** What have I and my team done to build program capacity? Who has been trained? What partnerships have been developed? What materials have been developed or are now available?
5. **Program development planning:** What is planned to build program capacity?
6. **Needs/gaps:** What is missing that I need and/or needs leadership attention or action to resolve?

If you are a Flotilla staff member I encourage you to discuss reporting requirements with your Vice Flotilla Commander. This format may be one you wish to adopt.

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Saturday, January 16, 2010

From the floor of the Portland Boat Show

Shipmates,

Thank you to all of our members who have maintained the watch at the Portland Boat Show over the last four days and will do so on the last day tomorrow. I spent the day on the show floor spreading the boating safety message and enjoying the fellowship of my shipmates. Today we had the CRYA Daughters of Neptune with us to fit life Jackets on young boaters. The Daughters did a great job. If you have an RBS event with kids please consider asking the Daughters to help.

Here is a brief video from the show floor:

Popular Topics

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About Division 7

Division 7 is composed of five local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas in the Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington area. The Division currently boasts approximately 250 members.

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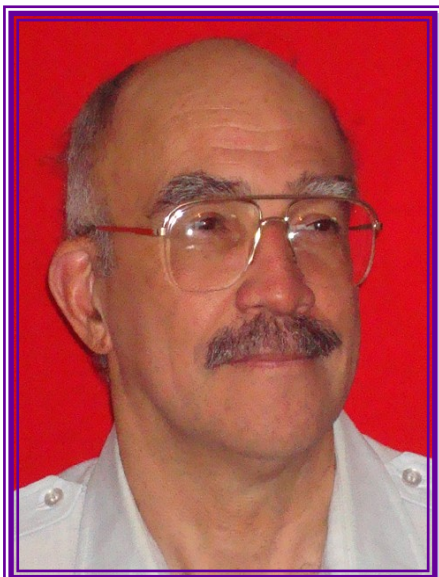
We work closely with our active duty, reserve and civilian colleagues from U.S. Coast Guard District 13, U.S.C.G. Sector Portland and Station Portland to educate the public about boating safely, protect the environment, and keep the region's waterways safe & secure.

Meetings

Division 7 meets the first Monday of each month except January and July at USCG Sector Portland. Please note that Sector Portland is a secure facility - prior arrangements must be made before attending meetings.

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Welcome Two New Members

Barry Owens -
Flotilla 78

Ernest Perez
Flotilla 7-12



**Division 07 Training Schedule – 2010**

20 February	Ops Workshop, and TCT Refresher- Required for all Ops personnel @ the Naval Reserve Training Center
13 March	ICS-210 0800 @ the Naval Reserve Training Center
10 April	TCT Full day session (0800-1700) only one for the year in division 7
08 May	VE, PV & IT Workshops
June	No training (Rose Fest)
10 July	Make up session – TCT Refresher and Ops Workshop - 0800
14 August	.New Member Orientation
11 September	Tri-Annual On-Water Currency Review & Initial QE day
9 October	Leadership Training
13 November	Blood Borne Pathogens Training
December	No training (Flotilla COW's)

Unless otherwise noted:

- All training to be held at Sector Portland Training Deck
- Training will begin at 0830
- Uniform will be ODU

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UPCOMING EVENTS

01 Feb— Division Mtg, Sector Portland Mess Deck, 1900 Host FL 73

10 Feb— FL 71 Meeting, Rizad Bldg, Kelso, WA 1900

10 Feb— FL 76 Meeting, Sector Portland 1900

10 Feb— FL 7-12 Meeting, WA Co. Svc Bldg 1900

10-14 Feb— Sportsmen's Show, Expo Center

11 Feb— The Dalles Detachment Mtg 1900

13 Feb — 8 Hr TCT 0830, Sector Portland

13-14 Feb— District 13 Conference, Monarch Hotel, Clackamas

18 Feb— FL 73 Meeting, Tyee Yacht Club 1900

18 Feb— FL 78 Meeting, Clark Co, Fire/Rescue, Ridgefield 1930

20 Feb— Reports for Daymark due to Diane Epstein

20 Feb— Ops Workshop & TCT refresher, Navy Trng Ctr 0830

24 Feb— Scappoose Detachment Mtg,

01 Mar — Division Mtg, **Rose City Yacht Club**, Marine Dr, 1900

Same dates in March for Flotilla Meetings